

Leonardtowntown BEACON

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Leonardtowntown Square

*Come see
what's new
in historic
Leonardtowntown!!!*

Featuring **NEO-TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNED FOR LEONARDTOWN**

At Home in Leonardtown

Leonardtowntown has always been known as a great place to visit, and by many others, an even greater place to live. Our charming Town, deeply rooted in history, is characterized by its scenic beauty, friendly townspeople, quiet streets, family events and activities, historic sites, shopping, dining, schools, and business opportunities. It's no wonder Leonardtown has sparked the interest of developers, businesses and families looking to relocate. In addition, with the redevelopment of its waterfront currently underway, the future is quite promising.

Much of Leonardtown's growth over the next ten years will be focused within three large parcels of undeveloped land inside the Town boundaries. These farms, known as the Tudor Hall Farm, Clark Farm and Lindsey Farm will play an important role in the future success of Leonardtown. Planning for this future growth has been a major priority for the Mayor and Town Council over the last several years. Town officials have worked closely with the Maryland Department of Planning and a number of consultants to achieve the best possible developments for the Town. "Smart Growth" and effective neighborhood planning will maintain Leonardtown's rich heritage and vibrant culture. "Smart Growth" is the addition of homes, offices, businesses and jobs in a way that enhances the community and promotes a strong environmental ethic where one already lives. By locating development in areas where public investments in infrastructure have already been made, "Smart Growth" accommodates choices in transportation, neighborhood interaction, and housing options.

To maintain "Smart Growth" in Leonardtown,

Town officials are enthusiastic about encouraging new development to incorporate design features reflective of the "Traditional Neighborhood Development" characteristics of small, older neighborhoods. The focus of development design



Artists rendering of a traditional development neighborhood, depicting homes, landscaped streets and a friendly environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. Drawings by The Lessard Architectural Group, Inc.

in these neighborhoods is shifted from automobile to the pedestrian, with emphasis on the layout of the streets, the building of a variety of housing types with smaller front yards, the appearance of clearly defined streetscapes and orientation to the existing Town Center. In design terms, traditional communities are characterized by mixed land uses, grid street patterns, pedestrian circulation, intensively-used open spaces, architectural character, and a sense of community.

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Mayor's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Governor Ehrlich for the recent announcement of Leonardtown Wharf as a "Priority Place". This designation will bring with it, recognition of the importance of this project to the entire region. This designation also highlights the efforts of the Town Council, Town staff and many community members who have worked tirelessly to make Leonardtown the best that it can be. We all can see the positive signs of a revitalized town, however, if the proper planning is not done, we will also feel the stresses that growth can put on a community.

Adequate public facilities are a concern to all who live, work or visit Leonardtown throughout this growth period of our Town. Whether you have lived here two months or all of your life, adequate water, sewer, roads and school facilities are a priority for us all. Let me take a moment to let you know the steps that we are taking to address these important issues.

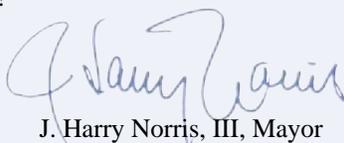
In November 2004 the Town received an increased Water Appropriation Permit from the Maryland Department of the Environment to meet the increased amount of water required to serve our residents. Also in 2004, the Town performed an impact fee study to address water and sewer infrastructure needs to support the proposed growth in our area. New homes being built will be assessed this increased impact fee to cover the costs associated with building infrastructure to support this new growth.

The Town has also been working to expand the existing wastewater treatment facility from its current capacity of 680,000 gallons per day to 1,200,000 gallons per day. To accomplish this expansion, we must find land to spray irrigate the effluent instead of increasing the discharge into Breton Bay. In 2003 the plant was upgraded to a Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) process. With this expansion, we will be going to the next level of treatment, which is called Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR). The recent State "Flush Tax" law, which began being assessed in January 2005, was implemented to assist facilities across the State to upgrade wastewater plants to the ENR process. Completion of the expansion is critical to the Town to adequately meet this proposed growth. It is imperative that we continue to be diligent in the monitoring of our facilities and work within the guidelines of our State permits.

In September 2004, Governor Ehrlich announced \$3.3 million dollars for Leonardtown's long awaited streetscape project. This project will beautify the entrance to our downtown, and will also make our downtown more pedestrian friendly. The Town and County have worked diligently with the State Highway Administration to address safety concerns on Rt. 5. As you will read in this issue's article on "Traditional Neighborhood Development", the planning of interconnecting roads and enhanced pedestrian infrastructure will help alleviate traffic congestion. The SHA has committed to continuing work with the Town to develop a design for adding a center turn lane on Rt. 5, as well as safety improvements all along the corridor.

Discussion of school site needs and school capacity is abundant in the news today. Leonardtown has worked closely with the St. Mary's County Board of Education, St. Mary's County Commissioners and local developers to do our part in addressing these needs.

I hope this information will answer many of the questions that our residents have. Stop by the Town Hall to see plans or discuss any of these projects. This is an exciting time for Leonardtown - - - and there is much more to come!


J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor
 Leonardtown Beacon



Come on Out!

Health Connections Van in Town

Visit the Health Connections Outreach Center Van every second Wednesday of the month in the Town Square, Noon-3:00 p.m., for free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. Upcoming dates are March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8. For more information, call 301-475-6019.



"High Hopes for Everyone" Disability Awareness Day

Saturday, March 12th at the Leonard Hall Recreation Center on the Governmental Center Grounds, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Event designed to increase disability awareness. Free kites! Sponsored by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. For details call 301-475-4200, ext. 1800.



Easter Egg Hunt & Festival

Egg hunts, carnival attractions, prizes, food, and the Easter Bunny on the lawn of the Governmental Center, Saturday, March 26th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$1 hunt fee. All ages! Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1800 for details.

10th Annual Hospice Run & Fun Walk

Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m., starting and finishing at the Governmental Center, with a 5K Run & Fun Walk on the streets of Historic Leonardtown, and a 10K Run on a scenic country road course. Children, strollers and pets welcome. Medals awarded. Door prizes. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. or pre-register at www.runforhospice.org

Earth Day Celebration on the Square

Enjoy Earth Day festivities on the Town Square on Sunday, April 17th, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Entertainment, music, canoeing and kayaking on Breton Bay, seated massages, face painting, environmental, conservation and recycling awareness, organic gardening and pesticide-free produce. Flowers, plants, fresh herbs, homemade jams and relishes, and Earth Day commemorative T-shirts will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association with a grant by the Maryland Arts Council. For more information call Valerie Deptula at The Good Earth, 301-475-1630.



Spring Fling XX Classic Car Show

See classic cars and street rods on display around the Town Square on Sunday, April 24th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Trophies awarded for best of show, people's choice, foreign car, pedal car class, and model car contest. Kids can enjoy a tractor pull, games and prizes. Donations accepted to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Rod and Classic Car Club. To register your classic coupé or for additional details contact Bill Higgs at 301-994-9666 or go on-line stmarysrodandclassic.com (Rain date Sunday, May 1)

SO. MD. 12th Annual Spring Festival

Enjoy music, crafters, parade, carnival rides, car show, food and more at the Spring Festival, Thursday, April 28th - Sunday, May 1st at the County Fairgrounds. Admission. Call 301-994-0525 for details.



Specialities from local restaurants, including Leonardtown's Café des Artistes, Nook & Monks, and The Tea Room, can be sampled at "Taste of St. Mary's", Sunday, May 1st from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. on the State House Lawn in historic St. Mary's City, with musical entertainment by the Fabulous Bel Airs. Admission. Call the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation at 301-475-6455 for details.

10th Annual Leonardtown Criterium Bicycle Races

A day of USCF bicycle racing excitement on the streets of historic downtown Leonardtown on Sunday, May 15th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Races feature over 200 cyclists from the Maryland, Delaware, DC, and Virginia areas. Kids - bring your bike or trike and enter the "Kids Race" @ 11:30 a.m.! Sponsored by Pax Velo Bicycle Club. For details call 410-394-2770 or go on-line paxvelo.com



The 2005 Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, June 11th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on "Derby Hill" (Fenwick Street). Racers are youth ages 8-17. Division winners have an opportunity to represent Southern Maryland in the All American Soap Box Derby held in Akron, Ohio. The Lexington Park Lions Club sponsors this great "family togetherness" project. Details about the All-American Soap Box Derby can be found online at AASBD.org. For registration and local derby information, call 301-863-2561.

Town Events offer Opportunities for Volunteers & Performers

Volunteers are welcome to assist with the Town's special events. Volunteering at Town events is a great opportunity for high school students to earn required community service credits, and have fun too!

Maybe you are involved in an organization that would like to march or enter a float in the Annual Veterans Day Parade. Perhaps you have a singing group that would like to perform at the Beach Party or Christmas on the Square. Maybe you have a science or environmental project that would make a great display at Earth Day, or you are a crafter that would like to participate in the Fall Follies.

Whatever your interest or talent, if you would like to volunteer or be a participant at any of the Town's events, contact Linda Shepherd at 301-475-9791 or linda.shepherd@verizon.net for information and an event calendar.

18th Annual SMC Crab Festival

Enjoy crabs, seafood and non-seafood items, music, classic cars, crafters, and more! Sunday, June 12, Noon-5:00 p.m. on the Governmental Center grounds in Leonardtown. Admission, plus cost of food. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club.



Flag Day Celebration

Celebrate the American flag! Attend this patriotic program on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Governmental Center. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1340.

Beach Party on the Square

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, August 13th to enjoy the Town's "Beach Party on the Square"! You won't want to miss the music, games, food & fun! For all ages! Let's hope for a sunny day this year! Word has it that the "Greenbelt Sity Stars" professional double-dutch jump rope team is once again planning to make their way to Leonardtown! Watch for more details in the summer edition of the Beacon!

See You at the Library

Read a magazine or newspaper, get information for a report, use the computers, check out a video, reserve a best seller, sign-up for children's story time - - all at your Leonardtown Library! For more information on these and other Library services, call the Leonardtown Branch of the St. Mary's County Library at 301-475-2846, or go on-line to www.stmalib.org. The Library is located at 23250 Hollywood Road in Leonardtown, next to the Maryland State Police Barracks.

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Jan.10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

Planning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 3:30 p.m. in the Town Office. *Jan. 18, **Feb. 22, Mar. 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 (**Tuesday-in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.* ***Tuesday-in observance of President's Day holiday*)

Leonardtown Business Association - 2nd Wednesday of each month, with alternating times and locations. Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

“Walk Your Child Home From School”

Town officials joined students of Leonardtown Elementary School as they walked to their homes in Leonard’s Freehold on October 6th. The annual walk is designed to provide adult support for neighborhood walking safety.



Trick-or-Treat on the Square

The downtown was deluged with costumed characters while merchants welcomed trick-or-treaters with goodies on October 23rd. Kids also enjoyed making their very own life-like scarecrow, with a little help from the Old Towne Crafters.



Veterans Day Parade & Memorial

Patriotism echoed in the Town Square during the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. What a fantastic turnout! The 2004 parade and Veterans memorial ceremony honored wounded servicemen and women



of the Iraq War. S/Sgt. Larry Gill, S/Sgt. Washim Khan, S/Sgt. Chris Bain, Spc. Jason Goldsmith, Sgt. Shon Holler, and Spc. Marcus Colon, Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq, wounded in action and recuperating at the Walter Reed Army Hospital, were present and acknowledged. Also recognized was the family of PFC Raymond Faulstich, Jr. of Leonardtown, the first soldier from St. Mary’s County to lose his life in Iraq on August 5, 2004.

Heartfelt words were spoken by Leonardtown Elementary School students Olivia Carlson, Nathan Gelfand, and Mark Feldhaus as they delivered their winning essay “What Veterans Day Means To Me”.



Gratitude and presentations by dignitaries were extended to Veteran Clancy Lyall, who has served as the Veterans Day Parade Coordinator in St. Mary’s County for over 25 years. The Town of Leonardtown has hosted the parade since 1993 and salutes Clancy for his commitment and dedication. Clancy announced that Tom Warren, who has been his assistant for 12 years, will now serve as parade coordinator. To learn more about Clancy, visit his web site at http://users.tijd.com/fiwi/index_us.htm



Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting

The Town Square was filled with excitement and anticipation as thousands awaited Santa’s arrival to light the Town’s Christmas tree on November 26th! The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department has traditionally lit the Christmas Tree in the Town Square since 1946! Merry-wishers also enjoyed horse drawn carriage rides by Wayne Mast and Ronnie Farrell, hay rides by Tommy Bowles, train rides by 4-Star Pizza, sleigh rides and fire truck rides by the LVFD, Ice Sculpture demonstrations by Doug Mackey, Frank Trossbach’s petting zoo and tractor display, Classic cars, Frosty the Snowman, the Jolly Juggler, Snowflake the Christmas Elf, Dr. & Mrs. Briscoe of Sotterley, and the Town Crier. A variety of seasonal music and entertainment brought about holiday glee, including Becky and Lauren Norris, Blonde Ambition, St. Mary’s Starz,



Mother Catherine Spalding School Band, Chesapeake Bay Whaling Co., Piney Point Elementary School Chorus, St. Paul’s U. M. Church Choir, Leonardtown High School Chamber Ensemble, Ladies Fayre and Camerata, a live nativity by

the Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene, and holiday crafts by the Old Towne Crafters and Girl Scout Troop #182. Three lucky winners enjoyed Holiday Baskets filled with certificates and gifts donated by local merchants! A special thank-you to Santa and Mrs. Claus, our emcee, Arthur Shepherd, the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, the Leonardtown Business Association, Christmas Committee members, Town Staff, and all our many volunteers, merchants, and sponsors!!

2004 "Best Dressed Window"



Marcy's Towne Florist was selected to receive Leonardtown's 2004 Christmas "Best Dressed Window" Award. Town Administrator Laschelle Miller, Councilman Mock Mattingly, and Mayor Harry Norris, stand with owner Marcy Williams and employee Mary Bell, who decorated the winning window.

SMC Festival of Trees



Decorated Christmas trees and wreaths were a spectacular site at the 7th

annual St. Mary's County Festival of Trees, held November 26th-28th in the showroom of the Bell Motor Company. This holiday event, sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, raised over \$7,000 for the Rescue Squad.



Tommy Bell and Frank Trossbach were presented with a plaque from the LVRSA for their continuous support of the SMC Festival of Trees.

Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square

Brothers Ben and Andy Guyther were among the many youngsters who enjoyed a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square on December 18th.



"Christmas Gifts for the Needy"



Glenda Norris, David Watts, Charlie Breck, and Dick Russell sort Christmas gifts for delivery to 87 children during the 2004 "Christmas Gifts for the Needy" collection. This program has been sponsored for 26 years by the Leonardtown Lions Club, in conjunction with St. Mary's Ryken High School.

Brewing Grounds holds Ribbon Cutting



Rene' and Gisela Ramos celebrate the grand opening of the Brewing Grounds Café with a ribbon cutting on November 5th. Specializing in gourmet coffees, the café is located at 41658 Fenwick Street, and is open Monday-Saturday, serving breakfast and light lunch. Call 301-475-8040 for daily specials.

Councilman Mock Mattingly Receives Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Lifetime Member Award

During the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad's annual dinner and installation on February 12th, Councilman Mock Mattingly was presented with a *Lifetime Member Award* by Kerry Klear, Squad President. The award recognizes members with 20 years of active duty service with the Rescue Squad. Mock now joins other members previously earning this tribute, including Kerry Klear, James Neal, Jimmy Goldsborough and LaVerne Stewart.



Jane Sypher Retires as Dean of CSM

Mayor Norris and his wife Jan, present a Town Mural to Jane Sypher, who retired from the College of Southern Maryland in December, as Dean of the Leonardtown Campus, after serving the campus since 1992. During her tenure, enrollment in St. Mary's swelled by 47 percent, with a 2004 Fall enrollment of 1,933 students. Additionally, the campus moved to its present site, at the former St. Mary's Academy in the heart of historic Leonardtown, and added two facilities to provide quality instruction and state-of-the-art educational technology.



Our Town Award Presented to Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department



Chief Willie Watts and President George Kalnasy accepted the 2004 "Our Town Award", presented by Mayor Norris and Council members Walter Wise, Leslie Roberts, Mock Mattingly, and Charles Faunce during the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department's 11th Annual Installation Banquet on January 8th. The award was presented to the Fire Department for their outstanding contributions to the success of Leonardtown Events. The "Our Town Award" recognizes a group or individual who has demonstrated service, commitment, leadership, and pride for their town, and is sponsored annually in Leonardtown by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home.

LVFD Offers "Knox-Box" Program

Would you have peace of mind knowing that fire personnel can quickly respond to an emergency without your presence? The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department is ready to install your "Knox Box" rapid entry system. This is a lock box system whereby only your local fire department holds the key for emergencies. The system ensures immediate building entry by fire personnel, which eliminates waiting for building keys, delays, and costly repairs from forced entry. There are several systems to choose from, with varying costs. If you are interested in this protection for your home or business, contact George Duke of the LVFD at 301-475-8996 or 301-475-2172.

New "Flush Tax" Increases Utility Bill

You may be aware of Maryland legislation approved in May 2004 that established the Bay Restoration Fund (Flush Tax Law). This legislation requires all wastewater treatment plant owners to begin collecting an additional \$2.50 per month per EDU from all sewer customers. This fee will be forwarded directly to the State Comptroller for the benefit of the Bay Restoration Fund. The Fund was established to provide funding for additional nutrient removal upgrades to wastewater treatment plants statewide. This fee will take effect on January 1, 2005 and be included on the invoice you will receive on March 31, 2005. It is our hope that this advance notice will help you budget for the additional \$7.50 per quarter that will occur.

Contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791 if you have any questions about the utility rate changes.

State Welcome Centers Welcomed in Leonardtown



Representatives of Welcome Centers throughout Maryland enjoyed a St. Mary's County "Familiarization Tour" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee January 10th through January 12th. As part of this county-wide tour, the group visited historic Leonardtown, and are seen here savoring a superb dinner hosted by Café des Artistes.

Helen visits Leonardtown

On July 27, 2004, members of the Helen Club from Riderwood Retirement Village of Silver Spring, MD traveled to Hill's Store in Helen, MD. After their visit in Helen, the 24 ladies, all named Helen, were greeted by Mayor Norris and Joseph M. Gough of the SMC Historical Society Board, as they enjoyed a fine luncheon at Nook & Monks Restaurant.

St. Mary's County Emergency Notification System

You can register on-line to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports. To sign up go to www.co.saint-marys.md.us and select Emergency Notification Sign up under the E-Gov heading.

Census Changes

The last census occurred in 2000 and every household in the country should receive a questionnaire. The American Community Survey, part of the U.S. Census Bureau's effort to streamline and improve the census, will replace the long form and provide communities a vibrant, moving picture every year instead of once every 10 years. Starting in January 2005, every month, one household out of 480 throughout America will receive the survey form and will be asked to participate. For more information about the survey, visit www.census.gov/acs/ or call the Census Bureau toll free at 1-800-262-4236.

Do-Dah Deli Closes

Customers will miss the friendliness, smiles, and those fabulous sandwiches that were a trademark of the Do-Dah Deli! Operating over five years on Washington Street in downtown Leonardtown, the Deli closed their doors this past December to pursue other interests. We wish the Battaglia family much success in their future endeavors!

Abigail's Corner Relocates

Abigail's Corner has moved out of their downtown Leonardtown location and will reopen on April 1st at the Maryland Antiques Center located at 26005 Point Lookout Road. Check out their selection of home accents and gifts! Our best wishes for your continued success!

New Eateries Coming Soon!

Look for **Linda's Café** to open in the downtown building that was vacated by the CVS Pharmacy, and for a new deli to occupy the space left by the Do-Dah Deli, both on Washington Street. Also, **Arizona Pizza** plans to open in the long vacated Perkins Building in Leonardtown Centre.

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash pickups are scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. In the event of a Waste Management holiday, pickups will be deferred to Wednesday and Saturday for that week. Please have your trash in acceptable 30-gallon cans with lids, or cans on wheels. Bagged trash set on the ground is also acceptable. To guarantee collection, trash should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

Quarterly bulk trash pickup is scheduled for Friday, March 4th and Friday, June 3rd.

Residential recycling pickups of old newspapers, glass bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and approved plastic bottles are made on Thursdays. In the event of a Waste Management holiday, recycling pickups will be deferred to Friday for that week.

Please make a note of upcoming Waste Management holidays:

May 31	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day

For further information on trash service, recycling, or to obtain a recycling container, contact Waste Management at 301-863-3288.

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Traditional neighborhood developments generally have a discernible neighborhood center. This is often a square or green and sometimes a busy or memorable street intersection. A transit stop would be located at this center. The streets within the neighborhood are a connected network, providing a variety of itineraries and dispersing traffic congestion. The streets are relatively narrow and shaded by rows of trees. This slows down traffic, creating an environment for the pedestrian and the bicyclist. Buildings at the neighborhood center are placed close to the street, creating a strong sense of place. Parking lots and garage doors rarely front the streets - parking is relegated to the rear of the buildings, usually accessed by alleys.



Concept drawing of the Leonard's Grant Development, planned to contain recreational amenities and 324 residential units. Drawing by Loiederman Soltesz Associates.

Certain prominent sites are reserved for civic buildings. Buildings for meetings, education, religion or culture are located at the termination of the street vistas or at the Neighborhood Center. A formal association debates and decides on matters of maintenance, security and physical change.

Over the years, Leonardtown has seen two successful Planned Unit Development neighborhoods in a traditional style of development, Singletree and Academy Hills. Recently two developers have been working with Town officials toward concept approval to proceed with the development of two additional properties. These include development of the Clark Farm property, located just north of the Town Square on Route 5, by Marrick Homes, Inc., to be called Clark's Rest, and the Lindsey Property located just east of the Town Square off of Route 245, by Quality Built Homes, to be called Leonard's Grant. Both developments are proposed to include approximately 325 units, each developed over a span of 8-10 years, with some commercial and recreational opportunities.

Both of these developers have worked closely with Town officials to create a neo-traditional style of development that will compliment and protect the downtown

business district. Each of the developments have unique elements to offer the residents a wide variety of public amenities and open space. Both projects have significant environmental features that have been carefully protected and maintained. Each project will offer a variety of home styles to choose from. These homes will feature large

front porches and distinctive architecture. One of the prominent features of these projects will be the significant streetscape and attention to detail. Much care has been taken to assure connectivity of all these projects and to provide easy access to the downtown business district. Roads will connect from Rt. 245 through Leonard's Grant connecting to the Clark's Rest development back out to Rt. 5. This connection continues through the proposed Tudor Hall Village development back into the Town Square. During this major growth period, be assured that Town officials are committed to preserving Leonardtown's historic quality and quaint atmosphere, while supporting "Smart Growth" in our Town.

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VOTE—VOTE—VOTE
2005 Leonardtown Elections
Tuesday, May 3, 2005

A Mayor and five-member Town Council, serving four-year terms, govern Leonardtown. All elected officials must reside in the Town. Election Day is Tuesday, May 3, 2005, whereupon two Council seats and Mayor will be voted on. Monday, April 18, 2005 is the deadline for filing as a candidate. The voter registration deadline is Friday, April 15, 2005. The deadline to submit a completed absentee voter application is Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Town residents must be registered to vote. Voters must be at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the general election and reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown. Having a Leonardtown mailing address or owning property within the incorporated limits does not qualify you as an actual resident. If you would like to confirm that you actually reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, or have other questions about the elections, please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

2004 Tax Returns

When filling out your 2004 Maryland Income Tax return, please remember to check the "Municipality" box and fill in "Leonardtown". This assures that the Town receives its share of income taxes from the State of Maryland. Please keep in mind that this does not increase your taxes.

The Office of the Leonardtown Commissioners will be closed in observance of the following 2005 Holidays:

Dec. 31, 2004	For New Years Day 2005
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 21	President's Day
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Day

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Governor Ehrlich honors Leonardtown Wharf Project with Maryland's First "Priority Places" Designation

Leonardtown Mayor, Council and staff joined St. Mary's County Commissioners and members of the Southern Maryland Delegation at a reception in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 1st, for the announcement of Maryland's first projects to receive the Governor's "Priority Places" designation. Governor Ehrlich named the Leonardtown Wharf project and Baltimore City's Poppleton Neighborhood revitalization project with the honor.



In 2004 Governor Ehrlich announced this exciting program and Leonardtown submitted an application for the Leonardtown Wharf project in the first round of applicants. A total of 22 projects were submitted for the August deadline. A committee of representatives of many State agencies reviewed the applications and determined ten projects meeting the initiative's threshold criteria. Representatives of each of the ten projects then traveled to Baltimore to provide a detailed presentation of their project and to answer questions from the committee. The committee then made their recommendations to the Governor, who made the final designations in January.

To learn more about the importance this program will have to the Town visit www.priorityplaces.com. This new initiative will focus state resources on particular projects located in existing Priority Funding areas. Projects receiving the designation become a priority for the State, who will ensure that the projects get the attention of all State agencies that make up the Smart Growth Cabinet. The agencies will work together to coordinate any activity that would positively impact project costs, timing and design development. The staff will use all regulatory, technical and funding sources at their disposal to make these projects succeed. Stay tuned as we work toward making this important project become a reality for all St. Mary's County citizens.

Leonardtown Business Association

The Leonardtown Business Association is looking for new members! Businesses both inside and outside of the incorporated limits are welcome! Yearly dues are only \$100. Goals of the Leonardtown Business Association include increasing awareness of Leonardtown businesses and promoting the economic, professional, cultural, and civic welfare of Leonardtown. The LBA meets every second Wednesday of the month at varying times and businesses. Contact Dan Burris, LBA President, at 301-475-3151 or danburris@danburris.com for more information or if you would like to join the Leonardtown Business Association.



2005 LBA Officers:

President: Dan Burris (*Burris' Olde Towne Insurance*)
Vice President: Danny Norris (*DRN Environmental Solutions*) **Treasurer:** Sonia Zidzik (*Z-Boutique*)
Secretary: Brenda Wise (*B. A. Wise Consulting*)

What Are Our Residents Asking?

Where Can I Find Business License Information?

A brochure listing each Maryland regulatory agency and the types of things that each agency regulates is now available on the world wide web as part of the state's Business License Information System at www.blis.state.md.us. The "Who Should I Call?" brochure provides a quick reference guide to help respond to inquiries regarding permitting and licensing. Designed to save time and money, the e-document provides phone numbers, e-mail addresses and links to critical information about each regulatory program, as well as links to each State agency's home page.



Your questions are important to us!

Let us know if you have a question about the Town you would like answered in a future issue of the Leonardtown Beacon. Call the Town Office at 301-475-9791, or e-mail: Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net

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